

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME				
COMMON: Log and Brick House near Leitersburg				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: West of Leitersburg-Smithsburg Road, near Unger Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Leitersburg Vicinity				
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Washington		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific _____				
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Charles F. Hess				
STREET AND NUMBER: Route # 2				
CITY OR TOWN: Smithsburg		STATE: Maryland		21783
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Washington County Court House				
STREET AND NUMBER: West Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown		STATE Maryland		21740
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 386/773				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered < 50% <input type="checkbox"/> Uncltered			<input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is located about two miles south of Leitersburg, west of the Leitersburg-Smithsburg Road in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on sloping ground above a small brook, Grove Run and faces south.

The structure is a two story, two bay log dwelling covered with imitation brick siding. Attached to its west end is a three bay, two story brick addition, set on roughly coursed fieldstone foundations. The front or south elevation of the brick section displays Flemish bond brickwork while other elevations are laid in common bond. Flat arches of brick are present over window and door openings. A date stone set in the west gable of the brick section is inscribed with the year 1843 and the initials G.K. The wall construction of the log section could not be observed.

Openings in the log section are placed at random. All early windows have six over six pane sashes with plain architrave moulding. A new window has been installed in the front elevation at the first story. Windows in the brick section are more evenly arranged. At the first story of the front elevation are nine over six pane sashes or modern single pane sashes. All are held within narrow frames. A window with massive wooden framing is located in the stone foundations of the brick section.

The main entrance is located in the third bay from the west end of the front elevation. The entranceway is simple in appearance with trim matching that of the windows. A transom was included over the door. A second entrance is located immediately above the main door. Other entrances are located in the east elevation of the log section and in the north or rear elevation of both sections.

A double porch which has been rebuilt extends along the entire front elevation.

The roof consists of corrugated sheet metal and extends beyond the east gable wall, while terminating flush with the west end wall. A modern concrete block flue is attached to the east end wall.

The framing of the first floor of the log section as observed from the cellar, consists of heavy hewn joists placed side by side supporting a layer of rocks and mortar which in turn support the flooring.

South of the house is a small bank barn and other out buildings related to agricultural use.

Extending west from the present entrance lane is evidence of an early roadway since abandoned.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Brick section 1843 G.K.**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The area of significance of this house is its architecture. Constructed in two sections, it represents two periods of building in Washington County. The brick section, dated 1843 could be considered typical of the areas brick architecture of the second quarter of the 19th century. The log section with its massive floor framing is characteristic of a much earlier period. Area houses employing this technique generally date from the last quarter of the 18th century.

The initials G.K. which appear with the 1843 date on the tablet in the brick section denote George Kessinger who purchased the property in 1836 from Issac Barr. The property was in the Kessinger family until 1897. The tract is part of the "Resurvey On Webb's Discovery" granted to Margaret Webb on October 24, 1788. The 451 acre tract was originally surveyed on May 19, 1764.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 46 acres

Acreage Justification:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant		DATE September 1975
ORGANIZATION Washington County Historical Sites Survey		
STREET AND NUMBER: Court House Annex		
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown	STATE Maryland	

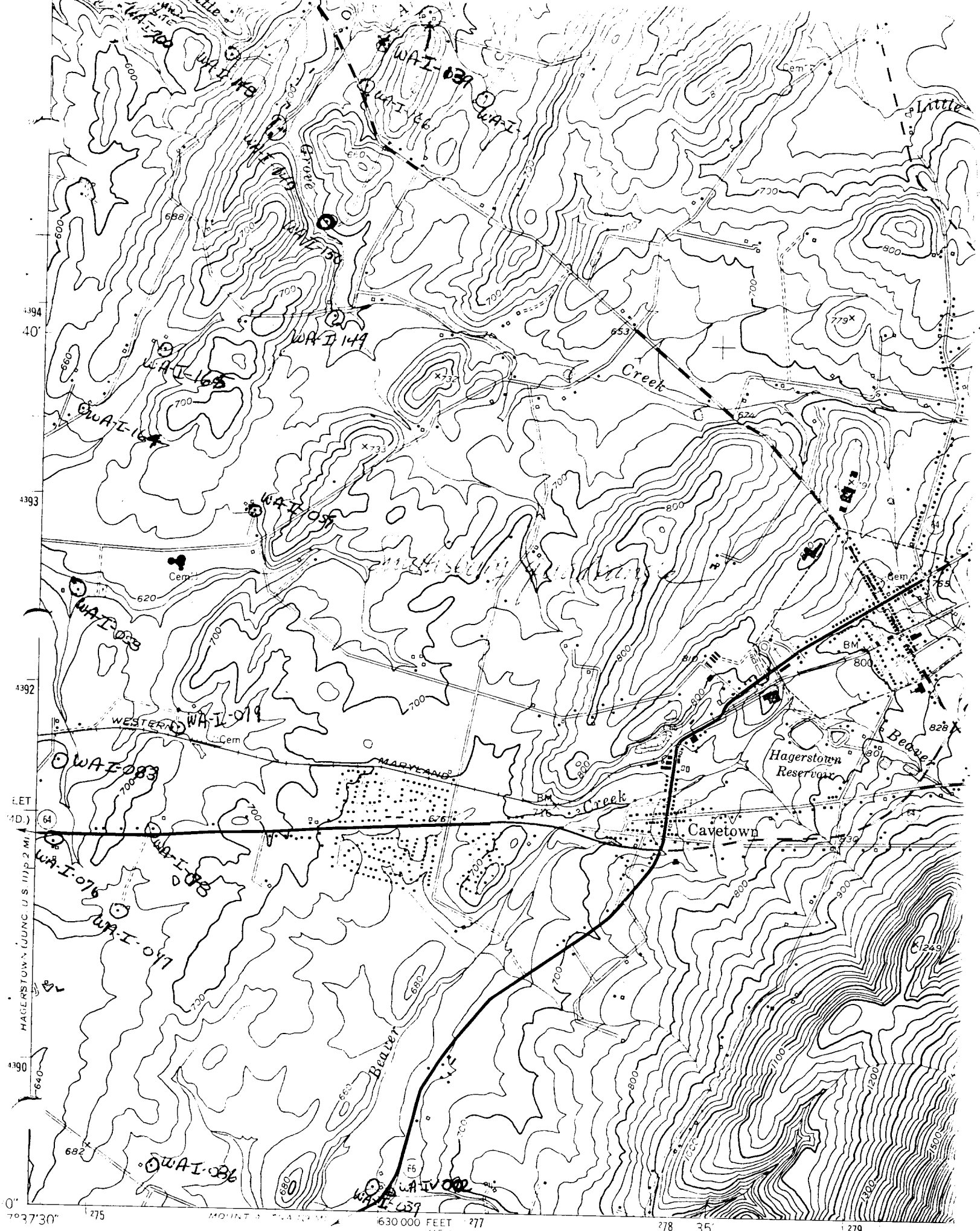
12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

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